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SUBJECT: UN OVERVIEW COMMITTEE - PLENARY MEETING, MAY 5,
AFTERNOON (AGENDA ITEM 2)

REFS: USUN NEW YORK 1794, USUN NEW YORK 1832,
USUN NEW YORK 1833, AND USUN NEW YORK 1855

1. UN OVERVIEW COMMITTEE COMPLETED FORMAL PRESENTATIONS
ON AGENDA ITEM TWO ("TRANSFER OF RESOURCES IN REAL TERMS TO
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES") AFTERNOON OF MAY 5 WITH STATEMENTS
BY JAPAN AND NORWAY.

2. JAPANESE REVIEWED LISTING OF THEIR SPECIFIC BILATERAL
ODA AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO IFIS AND CITED SUPPORT UNCTAD TDB
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MINISTERIAL RESOLUTION ON LDC DEBT. SPOKESMAN NOTED
IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO LDC GROWTH RATES AND
BENEFITS FROM TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER THAT ACCOMPANIES SUCH
INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND GOJ SUPPORT FOR CODES OF CONDUCT FOR
TNCs, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, ILLICIT PAYMENTS, AND NEED FOR
SYSTEM OF PROTECTION FOR PRIVATE INVESTORS. HE CONCLUDED
WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR A STUDY OF ODA IN LIGHT OF DIFFER-

ING STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT OF RECIPIENT COUNTRIES.

3. NORWEGIANS NOTED THAT THEY WERE PROVIDING 1 PERCENT OF THEIR GNP IN ODA, ALL ON GRANT BASIS, ONE-HALF OF WHICH WAS BEING CHanneled THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

4. SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT DEVELOPMENT IS COMPLEX PROCESS, AND ALL COUNTRIES ARE "DEVELOPING," POINTING OUT THAT AT START OF THIS CENTURY NORWAY WAS AN LDC. HE OBSERVED THAT SOME OF MOST ADVANCED LDCS HAVE THE MOST TO GAIN FROM THE GATT SYSTEM WHILE MANY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ARE DEPENDENT ON COMMODITY EXPORTS. HE NOTED THAT POOREST NATIONS HAD LITTLE TO GAIN FROM TRADE AND TRADE-RELATED MATTERS, THEREFORE REQUIRED ODA, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND FULL RANGE OF SUPPORT AVAILABLE THROUGH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE. SPECIFICALLY STATING THAT THERE IS NO "MAGIC" WAY TO DEVELOP AND ALL TECHNIQUES ARE REQUIRED.

5. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO MORE NEED FOR PAPERS ON PROBLEMS OF RESOURCE TRANSFER NOTING ESPECIALLY DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY UNCTAD, UN SECRETARIAT, G-77, AND SWEDES (MAKING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO MASSIVE TRANSFER CONCEPT). HE SAID NEED WAS FOR ACTION. HE CALLED FOR A GREATER SENSE OF URGENCY NOTING THAT NORWAY WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE UNCTAD AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM ON UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMODITIES WHICH HAD BEEN MEETING FOR TWO YEARS WITH LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED.

6. NORWAY CONCLUDED WITH CALL TO "CONCRETIZE" LINK BETWEEN GLOBAL MANAGEMENT OF DEMAND AND PURCHASING POWER OF LDCS THROUGH A STIMULATION OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY USING ALL THE ORGANS OF THE UN, THE IBRD, AND THE IMF AND SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN ODA. YOUNG UNQUOTE VANCE

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